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INTERSTATE 15 CAJON PAVING PROJECT CALTRANS ALERTS MOTORISTS OF TRAFFIC DELAYS

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans is alerting motorists to traffic impacts on Interstate 15 (I-15) in the Cajon Pass. Coffman Parsons Joint Venture, the contractor for the I-15 Cajon Paving Project, is experiencing pavement issues on **northbound** I-15 on the shoulder and right lane just north of Oak Hill. The base beneath the asphalt is saturated with water and has been continuously deteriorating the existing asphalt pavement to the point that lane closures have been necessary for motorist safety. The right lane (#4 lane) will remain closed with only three travel lanes available until the new concrete lanes are in place. The concrete paving is being scheduled for the coming weeks.

In order to accommodate heavy afternoon traffic on <u>northbound</u> I-15, the contractor will restripe the three existing lanes during night work either tonight or tomorrow. This will allow four travel lanes and should alleviate some afternoon traffic impacts.

The contractor is also experiencing a similar problem on the southbound I-15 adjacent to this location, although not as serious. Some repairs were made earlier this month and four lanes remain available southbound. However, the recently planned southbound I-15 "crossover" lane configuration, which was set to begin this weekend, is being redesigned and will take place later in the month. Details will be released when available.

Motorists are advised to expect delays on <u>northbound I-15</u> during the afternoon/evening "rush hour". Plan ahead, leave early, or avoid PM travel. Caltrans understands the impacts that construction in the "Pass" has on motorists, but we thank you for your patience while the project progresses toward completion.

Please follow the I-15 Cajon Paving Project at http://www.cajonpassproject.com/.

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